

DREYFUS' FOES CONFUSED

Ready to Abandon the Theory That He Wrote the Bombings

Rumor That They Are to Take the Ground That Esterhazy Is Its Author, But That He and the Prisoner Were Accomplices — Colonel Schmiedeknecht, Secretary of the

Forger Creates a Profound Sensation at Rennes—Labori Drives General Counsel to Desperate Struggle—Proceedings of the Court-Martial

Rennes, Aug. 23.—It is rumored tonight that Drayfus' prosecutors on the general staff intend to abandon the theory which they have all perilled in until now, and that the prisoner would be the Bordereau, and Labori would be the author of the bordereau, as he now claims. If there is anything in this rumor it indicates the desperate extremity of the prosecution, for it is incredible that they expect the acceptance of a radically new theory at this late day.

The sensation tonight is Colonel Schœnherd's letter to the "Pays," "I am stating that the letter attributed to me is a forgery."

The Dreyfusians explain the contents of the letter by declaring that Colonel Schneider, if he wrote it, did so in 1934, when he was plagued by his exclusion from the combination that Colonel Panizzardi and Colo-

Today's events have brought the collapse of a new phrase which deserves to endure as long as the history of the Dreyfus case itself. M. Labori had been pressing General Goze vehemently for an explanation why the general staff persisted in shielding Esterhazy and permitting him, finally, to escape, despite the overwhelming evidence against him. General Goze dodged and parried, getting more and more discomfited, until finally he burst out: "But Esterhazy was not accused in special circumstances. This will survive with the remark, 'Our justice is more your justice

and military justice is not like civil jus-

quiet day at the court-martial, half of the session being taken up with reading the depositions of the fugitive Kesterhazy and his mistress.

GONSE DRIVEN TO BAY.

Pointed Questions by Lahori Completely Discover Him.

RENNEB, Aug. 23.—A bandit, escorted by a squadron of gendarmes and surrounded by a group of detectives on bicycles, drove up to the Lycee at 6.30 o'clock this morning and Maitre Lahori, who will be thus elaborately protected until the end of the

trial, entered the courtroom. The session began without incident. Roy and Dervic

repeated the evidence they gave at the court-martial in 1894, the latter adding that Dreyfus used to boast that he was able to arrive late at the office without detection and that he had also been in the office during the luncheon hour.

Duchatelet, who did not testify at the 1894 court-martial fluently repeated a conversation with Dreyfus more than five

years ago in regard to foreign relations and secret information. This, he said, oc-

Dreyfus repeated his previous denials of the stories of his gambling.

M. Demange asked the witness why he had not testified at the court-martial in 1894.

Witness replied that at that time he did not consider the matter of any importance.

An Extraordinary Tale.
De Brault, another Scarsapaire witness, told an extraordinary story dating back fifteen years when Dreyfus was a lieutenant. The witness said that he made the acquaintance of M. Bodson, the proprietor of a shop called the "Redingote Grise" in Paris, where Mins. Bodson introduced him to Dreyfus. The witness, Mins. Bodson, and Dreyfus went out driving together several days. The witness dined at Bodson's, the other guests being Dreyfus and a man who was introduced as an attaché of the

German Embassy. The witness affirmed

The witness met Rodson later. Rodson asked him why he no longer came to his house and the witness replied that he did not like Germans. Rodson said: "They are not my friends, they are friends of my wife." Rodson then said to the witness that he possessed proofs which would drive Dreyfus out of the French army; that Mme. Rodson was Dreyfus' mistress and that Dreyfus paid several thousand francs

a year as the price of his enjoyment of her favors. The witness said he advised Bod-

son to go to the Minister of War and state the facts. Bodson replied that being in business he did not like to mix in the affair. "Besides," he said, "if all officers having mistresses were driven out of the army there would scarcely remain an officer on the general staff."

The witness was severely cross-exam-

but refused to repeat the recent decision of a court in which he was denounced as a liar. He could not remember anything about the alleged German attack whom he met at Bodson's and was unable even to give a personal description of him.

Dreyfus' Reply.

Dreyfus, replying to the witness, said that his relations with Bodson ceased in 1887. He had never dined with any German attack. The prisoner had a show of being cool during Dr. Breuil's testimony.

and at one point when the witness turned

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